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Goodbys Out; Hellos Begin

By Marie McNair

"NOW WE'LL be giving you welcome parties," someone said yesterday to the recently retired New Zealand Ambassador and Lady Munro at the reception in their honor given by former Ambassador and Mrs. Robert Guggenheim. Indeed, the much loved Munros have had innumerable farewell parties ever since word of the Ambassador's retirement was announced. Then—they announced that after retirement date — Sept. 16 — they would stay here for several months and are now happily established in an apartment on New Hampshire ave. within a stone's throw of Dupont Circle.

Mrs. McNair

With "October's bright blue weather" just around the corner, Firenze House, the Guggenheim's estate bounded by Albemarle st. and Board Branch rd., was a beautiful spot yesterday.

On the broad terrace, guests could look over a rolling greenward. From the loggia, which adjoins the dining room, there was a beautiful view of masses of giant dahlias in all colors growing on the former tennis court where tulips bloom in the spring.

SUMMER TRAVELERS were sure to find each other at the Guggenheim's party, for almost everyone from the cocktail circuit was there for an autumn reunion. The Spanish Ambassador, Jose Areilza, had arrived only the day before from Spain with news that Generalissimo Franco's daughter the Marquesa Villaverde will be a visitor here next week, to stay for the Ambassador's big reception on October 12 celebrating Columbus Day.

WHILE THE sun was up, almost everyone was out-of-doors enjoying the crips air of the first really fall day. Later they moved inside to the big dining room where there was tea and coffee and dozens of platters of different kinds of sandwiches and cakes.

Mrs. Tom Clark wife of Justice Clark; Mrs. Charles Finucane, wife of the Assistant Secretary of Defense; Mrs. James Gilman, Mrs. John Rockwood, were among those presiding at the tea and coffee urns.

The Turkish Ambassador and Mme. Urguplu, the Ambassador of Israel and Mrs. Abba Eban, the Ambassador of Afghanistan, Mohammed Maiwandwai; and the Cuban Ambassador and Senora de Arroyo were there.

WITH THE Arroyos, was glamorous Senora de Escudero, wife of the Ecuador Ambassador to the Organization of American States.

Senora de Escudero is one of the three diplomatic beauties who will wear Harry Winston's fabulous jewels at the benefit fashion show to be given at the Embassy on Thursday for the Loyola Retreat House in Maryland. Other beauties are Senora de Arias, wife of the Panama Ambassador; Mme. Alphand, wife of the French Ambassador, and Virginia Warren, daughter of Chief Justice and Mrs. Earl Warren.

Mrs. Virgil Peterson said that her good friends, Gen. and Mrs. Robert Eichelberger, will be here next week from Asheville, N. C.

The Australian Ambassador and Mrs. Howard Beale came in, and waved to friends en route to the drawing room where Ambassador and Lady Munro and Mrs. Guggenheim were standing. Colonel Guggenheim would not stand in line, preferred to move around to talk to his friends.

MME. MUNTHE Morgenstierne, wife of the former Norwegian Ambassador, and her daughter, Solveig, were there. Saw Morris and Gwen Cafritz, Mrs. Robert McCormick in becoming brown, her peau de soie dress made with the new harem hem; Brig. Gen. and Mrs. John Greely, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Tom Kelly, Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, Lieut. Gen. Charles P. Cabell, former Ambassador and Mrs. Myron Cowen, Major Gen. and Mrs. William C. Rose, Mrs. Parker West, Mrs. Harold Walker and Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Roy Rubottom.

Justice and Mrs. Harold Burton were also present and Mrs. Fred Vinson widow of the former Chief Justice, stopped for a chat with Chloe Gifford, new president of the D. C. General Federation of Women.

Mrs. Alben Barkley and Henry Depping came together, and, for more, there were Maj. Gen. and Mrs. John G. Van Houten, Mr. and Mrs. Prentiss Coonley, the Monro Hunters, Miss Janet Fish, Mr. and Mrs. Efgar Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Patterson, Mrs. Henry Flood and Mrs. Flood's daughter, Mrs. Horton Schoellkopf who was introducing her cousin, Mrs. Harry Stimpson of Boston. Stimpson has recently come to Washington as Special Assistant to Under Secretary of State Christian Hertor.

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